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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 422]

Designating November 1992 as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month".

Whereas neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow in the human nervous system;  
Whereas neurofibromatosis is the most common tumor-causing genetic disorder of the nervous system;  
Whereas neurofibromatosis leads to disfigurement, blindness, deafness, loss of limbs, scoliosis, and brain and spinal tumors;  
Whereas neurofibromatosis is a potentially debilitating disorder that strikes males and females of all races and ethnic groups;  
Whereas great strides have been made in neurofibromatosis research with the discovery of the neurofibromatosis gene and its product and function as well as the cloning of the NF1 gene;  
Whereas the neurofibromatosis gene is known to be a tumor suppressor gene, research into neurofibromatosis has profound significance for investigations into the causes of cancer;  
Whereas an animal model for NF1 has recently been found;  
Whereas a candidate gene for NF2 has also been discovered;  
Whereas because the incidence of learning disabilities in the population of individuals suffering from neurofibromatosis is 5 times greater than in the general population, progress in neurofibromatosis research is important to achieving a better understanding of the causes of learning disabilities, which affect more than 30 million Americans; and  
Whereas the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation, Inc., a voluntary health organization with chapters across the United States, was established to serve individuals with neurofibromatosis and their families, to promote and support biomedical research on neurofibromatosis, and to increase public awareness of neurofibromatosis and its consequences: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 1992 is designated as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved October 30, 1992.

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